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In re application of:

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BACILLUS ANTHRACIS

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 16, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. A petition to extend the period of response for one month from May 16, 2001 to June 16, 2001 is enclosed. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 10, with the following:

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--In one embodiment, a label is coupled to a molecule, such as an antibody that specifically binds to SAP, through a chemical linker. Linker domains are typically polypeptide sequences, such as poly-gly sequences of between about 5 and 200 amino acids. In some embodiments, proline residues are incorporated into the linker to prevent the formation of

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